

MAY 16, 2021



Seventh Sunday of Easter

When congregational songs are sung in worship this morning, we invite you to listen prayerfully and participate in other safe ways if you feel so moved - feel free to stand, move, clap, drum on the pew in front of you, etc. Texts are provided below for your personal reflection.

Prelude "Morning Prayer" arr. Laura Bergquist
Amber Sawyers

Welcome April Alston

Sung Call to Worship "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"
Pepper Choplin, Christian McIvor, Amber Sawyers
DARWALL'S 148th;
Words by Brian Dill,
Music by John Darwall

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!

In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Music "I've Got Peace Like a River"
GBC Virtual Choir
PEACE LIKE A RIVER;
African American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.
I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain...

I've got love like an ocean...

I've got peace like a river...

Prayers of the People Chris Austin

Scripture Reading Psalm 47 Cathy Perkinson

Sermon "Bold in Joy" Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Silent Reflection

Musical Reflection

"Embracing the Dawn"
Christian Mclvor, Pepper Choplin, Steve Rose

Words and Music by
Christian Mclvor, ©2020

Verse 1:

All the earth will sing as we praise Your name,
Let Your glory ring and let your works be proclaimed.
Mercies never end as You make us new,
Shadows break and bend as You keep shining right through.

Pre-chorus:

In the dark, You lead us on our way,
Through the night, into a brand new day.

Chorus:

We will wake and we'll rise, we will answer Your call.
We will hear the world's cries, bringing justice to all.
Of our hearts we will give, and in Christ we'll march on.
We will live into the light, embracing the dawn.

Verse 2:

In the way of peace, you will guide our feet
'Cause Your love won't cease, and in it, we are complete.
God, you set us free as you make ways straight,
Showing what might be as you transform and create.

(Pre-chorus, Chorus)

A Time of Response

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Music for Response

"Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
Pepper Choplin, Steve Rose,
Christian Mclvor, Amber Sawyers

LAUDA ANIMA;
Text by H. F. Lyte,
adapt. Ecumenical Women's Center;
Music by J. Goss

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all your days!

Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All within me, praise God's name!

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Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Doxology

“Doxology”
Pepper Choplin, Amber Sawyers

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrating Community

April Alston

Benediction

Chrissy Tatum Williamson

Postlude

“Simple Gifts”
Amber Sawyers

arr. Martha Sherrill Kelsey

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